

**TALBOT COUNTY  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING  
MEETING MINUTES  
September 6, 2006**

**ATTENDEES:**

John Wolfe, Public Works Advisory Board Chairman  
Ian White, Public Works Advisory Board Vice Chairman  
Len Renkenberger, Public Works member  
Ed Schlichter, Public Works Advisory Board member  
Jack Fischer, Works Advisory Board member  
Ray Clarke, County Engineer  
Bill Wolinski, morning session and TMDL discussion

**1. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. The Board also discussed various elements related to the Talbot County Comprehensive Water and Sewerage Plan. These elements included reviewing the goals and objectives of the Plan and the development of a nutrient trading program where wastewater treatment plants would obtain nitrogen credits for the extension of sewer to areas currently served by septic systems. Ray advised the Board that he would develop program language to be added to the Comprehensive Water and Sewerage Plan.

**2. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. The Public Works Advisory Board's Focus Group for On-Site Sewage Disposal Systems (OSDSs) Strategic Plan was conducted from 10:30 a.m. to 11:50 a.m. The Board was given an update on the Chesapeake Bay Trust Grant. These grant funds are covering the costs associated with piloting an OSDS management strategy in Glebe and Leeds creeks. The Board was advised of the septic system inspections and was also advised of the County's effort to solicit manufacturers of denitrifying treatment units prior to completing technology reviews. After meeting with the manufacturers, Talbot County will select equipment to be used to improve the water quality from conventional OSDSs. The Department of Public Works continues to work with the Environmental Health Office by conducting meeting every two weeks to review the progress of the pilot project.
- b. The Public Works Advisory Board Meeting was started at 1:10 pm.
- c. The Board was given an update as to the various projects listed in the Project Review. The project update sheet was provided to the Board members and has been attached.
- d. Ray Clarke also reviewed the wastewater treatment plant flows for the Region II and Region V Wastewater Treatment Plants and provided an update on various capital projects related to the sewer collection system improvements, pump station upgrades and new force main for the St. Michaels sewer collection system. A copy of the capacity report was provided to the Board.
- e. The Board was given a copy of the Maryland Department of the Environment's document *Maryland's 2006 TMDL Implementation Guidance for Local Governments* to review. Martin Sokolich of Planning and Zoning and Bill Wolinski of the Department of Public Works participated in the Board's discussion on the County Council's request to have the Public Works Advisory Board serve as the TMDL – Implementation Committee. The Board discussed various options that included hiring a fully-funded coordinator, having the

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Maryland Department of the Environment conduct a public forum. The Board and County staff discussed the need for more county staff, and raised concerns as to the methods of measuring water quality and the needed recordkeeping. Because of the diverse range of concerns and subjects, further review and discussion is needed.

- f. Ray also provided the Board with an update on the Septage and Grease Receiving, Treatment and Disposal Facility and the various design activities that are underway. In addition, Ray advised the Board of the latest developments related to the waste-to-energy options associated with septage and chicken litter used to produce bio-gas. Ray advised the Board that the County hired Resource Dynamics who was assisting the County in reviewing the waste-to-energy options.

**3. OPEN DISCUSSION**

- a. No open discussion occurred.

Meeting adjourned at approx. 3:25 p.m.

Author:            Respectfully Submitted, Ray Clarke

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